



Second runs

Tom Panzenhagen

"The Thing" (1951), 3:30 p.m. Saturday on Ch. 50. Originally 87 minutes.

Director Howard Hawks, whose career spanned silent pictures, gangster films, screwball comedies, war films and westerns, also made a sci-fi flick. "The Thing," in fact, stands at the forefront of the science fiction boom of the 1950s, and its memorable epilogue, in which a now commentator implores listeners to "watch the skies" for alien invaders, set the tone for the genre. James "Gunslinger" Arness stars as a bumbling vegetable on the loose at an isolated scientific outpost.

Rating: \$2.50.

"Dracula vs. Frankenstein" (1971), 11:30 p.m. Saturday and 12:30 p.m. Sunday on Ch. 4. Originally 90 minutes.

How many movies can you think of that are both funny and scary? Probably very few, because the two genres don't mix. "Dracula vs. Frankenstein" attempts to blend comedy and horror, and the results are both unintentionally funny and sadly horrible. Film veterans J. Carroll Nash, Lee Chaney Jr. and Russ Tamblyn star in this Count Scary presentation.

Rating: \$1.

"Flash, Bash, Sweet Charlotte" (1965), 9 a.m. Sunday on Ch. 4. Originally 133 minutes.

Consider the plight of aging film actresses Bette Davis and Olivia de Havilland, who co-star in "Sweet Charlotte." Davis, upon reaching age 50 or

WHAT'S IT WORTH?

A ratings guide to the movies

Bad.....	\$1
Fair.....	\$2
Good.....	\$3
Excellent.....	\$4

thereabouts, was transformed into a screen shrew, playing babs and biddies in such films as "Dead Fingers," "The Nanny," "Sweet Charlotte" and "What Ever Happened to Baby Jane?" De Havilland, perhaps offered the same sort of roles, didn't work. She made two films from 1962 to 1969, a period that spanned her 50th birthday. Aging actors, meanwhile — Cary Grant, James Stewart, Henry Fonda to name a few — continued in leading man roles well past middle age. So much for equality in movies.

"Charlotte," a mildly engaging film at best, co-stars Joseph Cotton, Agnes Moorehead, Mary Astor, Cecil Kellaway, Victor Buono and the always-menacing Bruce Dern.

Rating: \$2.50.

"Halloween with the Addams Family," 1 Monday night on Ch. 7.

This Halloween week's array of horror films probably won't scare you much, but "Halloween with the Addams Family" ought to provide a few yucks. Was there ever a whackier show on TV? ("The Munsters" doesn't count.) John Astin and the late Carolyn Jones co-star.

Unrated.



In repertory at the Hilberry

Katie Sikorski is Emily, Mark Corkins is George and LeWan Alexander (foreground) is the stage manager in the Hilberry Theatre production of Thornton Wilder's "Our Town." The Pulitzer-Prizewinning classic runs in repertory through Nov. 10 at Detroit's Wayne State University. Evening performances are at 8 p.m., with matinees at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Two newcomers to the Hilberry

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Reportory Company are James Harbour and Jeff Dolan, who portray a blind father and his son in "A Voyage Round My Father." The autobiographical play by John Mortimer continues in repertory through Dec. 9. Performances are at 8 p.m. For ticket information, call the box office at 577-2572.



At Folktown

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